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1. DEPARTMENT UNDERSTANDS THE BRITISH HAVE MAINTAINED A PORTUGUESE LOCAL EMPLOYEE, TONY CRUZ, IN LUANDA SINCE CLOSING THEIR CONSULATE GENERAL THERE IN 1975. ACCORDING TO OUR ANGOLAN DESK OFFICER WHO KNEW HIM IN LUANDA, CRUZ IS AN ASTUTE AND KNOWLEDGEABLE OBSERVER OF THE LOCAL SCENE WHO COULD PROVIDE CONSIDERABLE INFORMATION ON THE POLITICAL, SOCIAL AND ECONOMIC SITUATION IN ANGOLA. BY THE SAME TOKEN THERE IS A SIMILARLY KNOWLEDGEABLE US FSL IN LUANDA, JULIO CORREIA, WHO COULD ALSO PROVIDE VALUABLE INSIGHTS.

2. WE WILL TRY TO BRING CORREIA TO LISBON IN THE NEXT LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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FEW WEEKS FOR A DEBRIEFING BY THE ANGOLAN DESK OFFICER

AND BELIEVE THE VALUE TO US OF SUCH A SESSION WOULD BE INCREASED IF WE COULD HAVE ACCESS TO A PREFERABLY CONCURRENT DEBRIEFING OF CRUZ BY THE FCO AND BE PERMITTED TO INDIRECTLY POSE QUESTIONS TO HIM. WE WOULD, OF COURSE, PROVIDE THE BRITISH WITH THE RESULTS OF OUR MEETING WITH CORREIA AND WOULD PROVIDE SIMILAR INDIRECT

ACCESS TO HIM FOR ANY QUESTIONS THE FCO MIGHT LIKE TO RAISE. THE OPPORTUNITY TO DEBRIEF TWO KNOWLEDGEABLE OBSERVERS WOULD PERMIT CROSS CHECKING OF STATEMENTS AND IMPROVE THE RELIABILITY OF OUR FINAL ASSESSMENTS.

3. ACTION REQUESTED: PLEASE ENQUIRE IF THE FCO WOULD BE INTERESTED IN SUCH AN EXCHANGE. WE WOULD LIKE TO ARRANGE THE MEETINGS DURING THE WEEK OF MAY 10-14. SISCO

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